

Description of Language Programs

Structured English Immersion (SEI):

SEI is a specialized process of teaching the English language to students whose first language is not English. The goal is for students to develop academic proficiency in English, together with mastery of academic core content and multicultural proficiency. Instruction is conducted in English while primary language support is used for clarification and explanation when appropriate .

Dual Language Immersion (DLI):

The goal of this language development program is the acquisition of academic and linguistic proficiency in two languages: English and Spanish. Both languages are used to help students develop their first language while acquiring communication and literacy skills in a second language. Academic content is taught and assessed in both languages and language separation is differentiated based on grade level and language development standards. The program uses a 90-10 model in which instruction in Kindergarten is 90% in Spanish and 10% in English until students reach 6th grade when instruction is conducted in 50% Spanish and 50% English. Once students reach 9th grade, one-third of the day is in Spanish and ultimately decreasing to about 15% by the time students reach 11th grade.